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| Work Task D3: | Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Presence/absence Surveys |
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| Purpose: | Monitor southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL) breeding populations along the Lower Colorado River (LCR) and conduct demography studies in four study areas to understand life requisites, habitat requirements, and population trends. |
| Conservation Measures: | MRM1 and MRM2 |
| Long-term Goal: | Presence/absence surveys will be conducted for SWFL through the life of the LCR MSCP as part of system monitoring. |
| FY05 Estimate: | Reclamation has executed option year two of a contract with SWCA for presence absence surveys and life history studies. This will cost approximately \$785,000 in FY05 including field support and quality assessment. |
| Project Description: | Reclamation entered into a contract with SWCA in 2003 to conduct presence/absence surveys along the LCR from Separation Rapids in the Grand Canyon, including several tributaries of the LCR, to the Southerly International Boundary; and to conduct life histories studies at four areas. |
| Accomplishments to date: | Presence/absence surveys and life history studies began in 1996 under a cooperative agreement with the San Bernardino County Museum. These surveys and studies were conducted under the 1997 Biological and Conference Opinion for routine operations and maintenance of the LCR. A one year contract, with the potential for four option years, was entered into with SWCA in 2003. |